Functions of Reactivated Ayodhya Cell in the PMO

2488. DR. MANMOHAN SINGH:
SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN:
SHRI C.O. POULOSE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether as reported in newspapers Prime Minister has promised to resolve the Ayodhya dispute by 12th March, 2002;

(b) if so, whether he propose to take Parliament into confidence regarding the steps or negotiations in progress; and

(c) what are the functions of the reactivated Ayodhya Cell in the Prime Minister's Office?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) An Ayodhya Cell has been created in the Cabinet Secretariat for handling affairs of the Ram Janma Bhoomi-Babri Masjid dispute.

International Terror groups cells in Bangalore and Mangalore

2489. PROF. A. LAKSHMISAGAR:
SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to the Intelligence report international terror groups have set up their cells in Bangalore and Mangalore and have spread their network in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof stating the international terror groups identified; and

(c) what action has been taken by Government to eliminate their network?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) There are no inputs to indicate that international terror groups have set up their cells in Bangalore and Mangalore. However, networks and activities of groups like Lashkar-e-Toiba, Jaish-e-Mohd. and Hizb-ul-Mujahideen, have been discovered from time to time in various parts of the country.

(c) Government has adopted a well coordinated and multi-pronged approach for tackling the activities of militants which includes strengthening the border management to check illegal cross border activities, gearing up the intelligence machinery, close interaction between agencies of the Centre and the State Governments, neutralizing plans of militants and anti-national elements by coordinated action, modernization and upgradation of police and security forces with advanced sophisticated weapons and communication system, etc. As a result of coordinated action, several terrorist modules have been neutralized.

Diplomatic initiatives have also been taken with various countries to enlist their support in countering the activities of militant groups.

Prevention of Terrorism Ordinance, 2001 has been promulgated under which 25 organisations, including Lashkar-e-Toiba, Jaish-e-Mohd. and Hizb-ul-Mujahideen, have been notified as Terrorist Organisations.

Activities of ISI Inspired Elements in Mewat area Near Delhi

†2490. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received the reports that Pakistan's intelligence Agency (ISI) inspired demands are becoming active in the Mewat area, which is adjacent to Delhi;

(b) whether it is also a fact that some agitated people from the said area have gone to Afghanistan to take part in the war in favour of Talibanis; and

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†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.